

8C A night in a haunted hotel

1 READING

- a Do you believe in ghosts? Are there buildings in your town / city that people think are haunted?
- b Read the text once and find out:
- 1 Who are the ghosts in the two hotels?
 - 2 Tick (✓) the things that happen in the hotels:
a ☐ people hear strange noises d ☐ lights go on and off
b ☐ people see somebody e ☐ things fall on the floor
c ☐ doors open and close f ☐ people feel that somebody is watching them
- c Look at the **highlighted** words in the text related to hotels and guess their meaning.
- d Would you like to stay in one of these hotels? Why (not)?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY IN A HAUNTED HOTEL?

THERE ARE MANY HOTELS IN BRITAIN THAT PEOPLE SAY ARE HAUNTED. IF YOU ARE FEELING BRAVE, YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT IN ONE OF THESE HOTELS.

ENGLAND GOSFORTH HALL INN

Gosforth Hall is a small hotel in Cumbria in the north of England, built in 1658. People say the hotel has the ghost of a Catholic priest. He usually appears in Room 11. There is a secret tunnel that goes from behind the fireplace in the hotel **lounge** to Room 11. In 17th-century England, Catholic priests used the tunnel to hide from Protestants.

The **owner** of the hotel, Rod Davies, says: 'I didn't believe in ghosts before I came here, but strange things happen in the hotel. One **guest** woke up in the middle of the night and saw a tall man standing next to his bed. He **checked out** the next morning.' Rod's wife says: 'One night a lot of books fell off a shelf in the lounge. And sometimes when I am working I feel that someone is watching me, but when I turn round nobody is there.'

GHOST HUNTERS: Ask for Room 11

www.gosforthhallhotel.co.uk

SCOTLAND COMLONGON CASTLE

Comlongon is a 15th-century castle in a small village near Dumfries in south-west Scotland. The castle is haunted by the Green Lady, the ghost of Lady Marion Carruthers. Lady Marion was unhappy because she was married to a man she did not love, and in 1570 she jumped from the castle walls and killed herself. Many strange things happen in the hotel – doors open and close, and lights go on and off in empty rooms. An American couple once opened the door of their room and saw a young woman sitting on the bed. They left because they thought they were in the wrong room. In fact it was their room, but when they came back the room was empty.

GHOST HUNTERS: Ask for The Carruthers **suite**.

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2 VOCABULARY prepositions: place and movement

- a Look at the pictures of the ghosts from the hotel. Where is the woman sitting? Where is the man standing?



- b ➤ p.162 Vocabulary Bank Prepositions: place and movement.

3 PRONUNCIATION silent letters



Silent letters

Some English words have a 'silent' letter, e.g. in *cupboard* /'kʌbəd/ you don't pronounce the *p*.

- a 4 23))) Listen and cross out the 'silent' letter in these words.

building castle could friend ghost guest
half hour know listen talk what write

- b Practise saying the words.

4 LISTENING

A British newspaper, the *Sunday Times*, sent one of its journalists, Stephen Bleach, to Gosforth Hall Inn. They asked him to spend the night in Room 11.

- a 4 24))) Listen to **part 1** of Stephen's night. Correct the information in these sentences.

- 1 He arrived at Gosforth Hall early in the evening.
- 2 There were four other guests in the hotel.
- 3 He talked to one of the guests.
- 4 He had dinner in the bar.
- 5 He went to his room at 11.00.
- 6 Room 11 was on the first floor.
- 7 The room was quite small.
- 8 There was a TV and a remote control.
- 9 There was a horror film on TV.
- 10 He went to sleep at the end of the film.

- b 4 25))) Do you think Stephen saw the ghost? Listen to **part 2** and find out. Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Did he wake up during the night?
If yes, what time?
- 2 Did anything strange happen?
If yes, what?
- 3 Did he 'feel' the ghost?
- 4 Was he frightened?
☐ very ☐ a little ☐ not at all
- 5 Would he like to go back?
Why (not)?

5 GRAMMAR

there was / there were

- a 4 26))) Complete the sentences from the listening with *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, or *weren't*. Then listen and check.

- 1 There _____ many other guests in the hotel.
- 2 There _____ only three.
- 3 There _____ an old TV on a table.
- 4 There _____ a remote control.

- b ➤ p.138 Grammar Bank 8C. Learn more about *there was / there were* and practise it.

6 SPEAKING

➤ Communication The Ghost Room

A p.104 B p.109. Look at the picture of another haunted hotel room for one minute. Try to remember what there was in the room.



Gosforth Hall Inn - Room 11

1 TELLING THE TIME

a Match the clocks and phrases.



- It's a quarter past six.
- It's six o'clock.
- It's a quarter to seven.
- It's ten past six.
- It's five to seven.
- It's twenty-five to seven.
- It's half past six.
- It's three minutes past six.
- It's twenty past six.

b (24) Listen and check.

Time
You can ask for the time in two different ways:
What time is it? OR *What's the time?*
For times which are not multiples of five we use *minutes*,
e.g. 6.03 = It's three minutes past six.

c Cover the phrases. Ask and answer with a partner.

What time is it? () It's...

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2 EXPRESSIONS OF FREQUENCY

a Complete the expressions.

How often do you see your friends?

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 every /evri/ <u>day</u> | M, T, W, Th, F, S, S |
| 2 every w _____ | week 1, week 2, week 3, etc. |
| 3 every m _____ | January, February, March, etc. |
| 4 every y _____ | 2001, 2002, 2003, etc. |
| 5 once /wʌnz/ a _____ | only on Mondays |
| 6 twice /twʌnz/ a _____ | on Mondays and Wednesdays |
| 7 three times a _____ | on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays |
| 8 four times a _____ | in January, April, July, and October |

b (246) Listen and check.

c Cover the left-hand column. Test yourself.

3 ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

a Match sentences 1–6 with a–f. What do the **highlighted** words mean?

- 1 ☐ I **always** /ɔ:lweɪz/ get up at 7.00 during the week.
- 2 ☒ I **often** /ɒfn/ go to the cinema after work.
- 3 ☐ I **usually** /ju:ʒuəli/ finish work at 6.00.
- 4 ☐ I **sometimes** /sʌmtaɪmz/ meet a friend for lunch.
- 5 ☐ I **hardly ever** /hɑ:dlɪ evə/ go to the theatre.
- 6 ☐ I **never** /nevə/ have coffee.

- a About seven or eight times a month.
- b I start work at 8.00 every day.
- c But on Fridays we stop at 3.00.
- d I don't like it.
- e Only once or twice a year.
- f About once or twice a month.

b (247) Listen and check.

normally
Normally is the same as *usually*. I normally get up early = I usually get up early.

c Cover sentences 1–6 and look at a–f. Can you remember the sentences?

d (248) Listen and repeat the **highlighted** adverbs of frequency.

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